

RESPONSE

Examiner: GARTENBERG, Ehud

Serial No. 10/676,827

Atty. Docket No.: 58523.010100UT/US

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please substitute the attached Figure 4 for the Figure 4 originally submitted with the instant Application. Applicant has modified the Figure to amend the item previously labeled 420 in that Figure and to remove the textual descriptions appearing in Figure 4 as filed, in accordance with the Examiner's objection to Figure 4, and has not introduced any new matter.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5 and 7 have been canceled in the amendments set forth above. Claims 8 and 10-30 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-4, 6, and 9 are currently pending in the instant application.

In the above-referenced Office Action, Claims 1-6 and 9 were rejected, and Claim 7 was objected to. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the limitations recited in Claim 5 and Claim 7. Applicant's amendments having rendered the Examiner's rejection moot, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claim 1. Applicant further requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claims 2-4, 6, and 9 as these Claims depend from Claim 1.

Applicant's amendment of Claim 1 should not be deemed acquiescence to or agreement with the Examiner's rejection, and Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue one or more patents with claims covering the subject matter of Claim 1 as filed.

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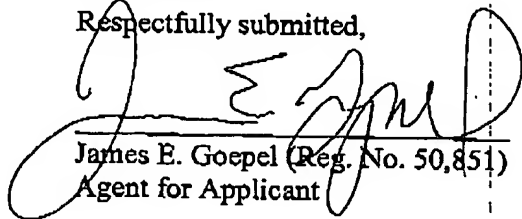
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CONCLUSION

Having responded to all objections and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action, it is submitted that claims 1-4, 6, and 9 are in condition for allowance and Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, he is courteously requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,


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